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UNIVERSITY OF LOWELL TO HOST SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS PROGRAM

LOWELL, MASS. - The artwork of hundreds of junior and senior high school students from the northeast region of Massachusetts will be on display at the University of Lowell, January 17 - 20, as part of The Boston Globe's 30th Annual Scholastic Art Awards program.

In announcing that the University of Lowell will host the Art Awards, President John B. Duff said, "The University is an appropriate gathering place for artists, teachers, and students coming together to share, learn and enjoy."

The theme for this year's exhibition is "A Show Of Hands." Original entries were nominated by school art teachers and include works in oil painting, watercolors, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, and photography.

This is the first year the statewide competition will be presented regionally. Coordinators of the event believe "It will better serve the needs and goals of Massachusetts art educators, encouraging greater interest in art in the schools while offering meaningful recognition of student work at the local level."

The top 100 entries from each region will be displayed in February at Boston's Prudential Center where state judges will select 250 entries for the national Scholastic Art Awards Competition in New York City. In addition, the Boston Globe will award five \$1000 scholarships to participating student artists from each of the five state regions.

The week-long event at the University of Lowell features lectures and gallery talks open to the public. Photographer Ted Spagna will offer a presentation on "Dreams and Art," January 15, 3:30-5:00 PM, in Room 222 of O'Leary Library, located at Broadway and Wilder Streets in Lowell.

Student works will be available for public viewing January 17-20 in the U. Lowell South Campus Student Union Building on Wilder Street, Lowell. Viewing hours are 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 12 noon - 5:00 PM on Sunday.

The exhibition culminates with an Award Ceremony, January 20, beginning at 2:00 PM in Durgin Hall, located at Pawtucket and Wilder Streets, Lowell.

Coordinating the event at U. Lowell are Dr. Eiana Cheney of the Art Department and Paul Marion of the Public Relations Office. For more information contact the Office of Public Relations at 452-5000, extension 2219.